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Sharing Our Blessings and Talents

The question has often come to mind "Why am I here?" "Am I here to simply satisfy my selfish desires; to eat foods that tickle my palate, or to purchase more clothes that I really don't need? Should I spend my free time chasing after entertainment thinking..." I surely deserve to have lots of fun in my life."

Although there is nothing wrong with wanting things or enjoying life, God wants us, as His children, to be good stewards of not only our money, but of our time and talents He has blessed us with...including sharing them with those in need.

There seems to be an inner reluctance to do what the Lord prompts us to accomplish. And yet, when we do what we are called to do in His name, we can find overflowing joy and fulfillment.

We all have choices to make in life, and each one will determine the course our lives will take. The New Year has begun, giving us the chance for a fresh start.

Let's re-evaluate our life styles and talents to see how we might utilize them to help make someone else's life better. This is going to come from reading the Word, praying, and listening to that still small voice that guides us each day.

We have many rewarding opportunities at the pregnancy center. Lives are positively touched and mentored to and material needs are met to give ladies, young couples and babies a "hand up." We are here to show love and compassion to the girls, ladies, and men that come through our doors that have never experienced the true love of God before. This is what will help lead them to the Lord and choose life for their unborn child.

The pregnancy center is always looking for volunteers that have a heart for the ministry and what we stand for. "Paying forward" what God has blessed us with in our own lives might just make that sweet difference to someone facing an unplanned pregnancy today. Thank you everyone!

~Did you Know~

- Did you know (or notice) that the year on January's Newsletter still read 2015? Oops!
- Did you know an unborn baby's heart starts to beat at around 6 weeks? A pregnant mom can see the heartbeat on an ultrasound as early as 8 weeks.
- Did you know a baby's head accounts for 20 percent of his/her body weight?
- Did you know the first sense a baby develops is hearing?
- Did you know that 3 to 4 percent of babies actually arrive on their due date?
- Did you know Ann Turner was the original "Gerber Baby?"



Center Needs

- ❖ Diapers (all sizes)
- ❖ Hypoallergenic Baby Wipes
- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Dish Soap
- ❖ Facial Tissue
- ❖ Bathroom Tissue
- ❖ Bottled Water (for our clients and visitors)
- ❖ Kitchen supplies for future cooking classes (measuring cups, measuring spoons, hand towels, etc.)
- ❖ Colored printer/copier paper for newsletters and announcements

It's coming together!

~ We are so grateful for needs that are being fulfilled in our new location! ~

We now have someone volunteering to deep clean the interior of our building on a monthly basis.

The kitchen area/counter is being put together for our future cooking classes.

Keep an eye out for the future banner with our new logo ~ coming soon also!

~ It never ceases to amaze the Staff and Volunteers how God blesses His ministry on a daily basis. ~

Every day should be Valentine's Day

A thought came to mind today as final touches are being added to this newsletter.

My brother shared his wisdom not too long ago about how we as individuals don't realize whose lives we have touched throughout our own lives, in a positive or negative way.

There are lost people in the world that could use a friendly smile or "hello" to lift their spirits during the day. After all, we don't know what they are going through.

Challenge yourselves to make every day "Valentine's Day, and treat everyone you meet with Jesus' love and compassion.



"If I have the gift of prophesy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." ~ 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)

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